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Oasis Craft

This week – home-made modelling doughs

Cloud dough – An alternative to play dough, with a very different texture, which can be used in all sorts of play activities. It is very simple to make and you can add oil-based food colouring to make batches in different colours, too. You just mix 8 cups of flour with 1 cup of vegetable oil. The easiest way to mix it is to first put the ingredients into a zip-lock bag and shake, then tip it out and continue to mix with fingers.

You can mix it up, mould it, make a sandcastle, hide toys in it to be excavated...the possibilities are endless!



Snow dough – Similar to cloud dough but with a slightly different texture. Use 4 cups of cornflour with 1 cup of vegetable oil. It gives a firm, crumbly texture that can be moulded and played with like cloud dough.



Play dough (salt-free) – Mix 2 cups of plain flour with 3 tablespoons of oil in a large bowl. Add a few drops of food colouring to half a cup of water and then add to the mix. Stir until it's mixed and then knead with your hands. You can add a little more water a tiny bit at a time if it's too dry. Keep kneading until there is no more stickiness! (This won't keep as long as a recipe with salt).



The doughs will last a while if kept in airtight containers. And half the fun for little ones is helping to make them!

HAVE FUN!!